

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A retainer assembly for a shower surround comprising:
a first frame arm;
a second frame arm;
an arcuate frame section which interconnects said first frame arm and said second frame arm;
a stop which extends from said first frame arm, said stop substantially between said first frame arm and said second frame arm; and
a retainer arm which extends from said arcuate frame section, said retainer arm extends generally opposite said first frame arm and said second frame arm.
2. The retainer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said retainer arm is L-shaped.
3. The retainer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said first frame arm and said second frame arm are opposed.
4. The retainer assembly as recited in claim 1, further comprising a seal mounted to said first frame arm.
5. The retainer assembly as recited in claim 1, further comprising a seal mounted to said second frame arm.
6. The retainer assembly as recited in claim 1, further comprising a seal mounted to said stop.

7. A shower surround comprising:
a first surround section comprising an inner band section;
a second surround section comprising an outer band section; and
a retainer assembly mounted to said outer band section, said retainer assembly comprising a first frame arm opposed to a second frame arm and a stop which extends substantially between said first frame arm and said second frame arm, said inner band section receivable against said stop and between said first frame arm and said second frame arm.
8. The shower surround as recited in claim 7, wherein said outer band comprises stepped band section displaced from a surround surface.
9. The shower surround as recited in claim 7, wherein said inner band comprises a rib which extends therefrom.
10. The shower surround as recited in claim 9, further comprising a first seal mounted to said first frame arm, said first seal engageable with said rib.
11. The shower surround as recited in claim 10, further comprising a second seal mounted to said second frame arm, said second seal engageable with said inner band section opposite said rib.
12. The shower surround as recited in claim 12, further comprising a multiple of wipers which extend from said second seal.

13. A method of assembling a shower surround comprising the steps of:
- (1) forming a surround as a one-piece component;
 - (2) separating the surround into a first surround section and a second surround section, the first surround section comprising an inner band section and the second surround section comprising an outer band section;
 - (3) mounting a retainer assembly to the outer band section; and
 - (4) inserting the inner band section into the retainer assembly.
14. A method as recited in claim 13, wherein said step (4) further comprises clipping the retainer assembly to the inner band section.
15. A method as recited in claim 13, wherein said step (4) further comprises sliding the inner band section into the retainer to contact with a stop.
16. A method as recited in claim 13, further comprising the steps of:
assembling the first surround section and the second surround section into a packaged arrangement.

17. A method of packaging a shower surround comprising the steps of:

- (1) locating a tub section with an apron face down;
- (2) arranging a mid-section around the tub section;
- (3) arranging a canopy section in an inverted arrangement over the mid-section

such that a retainer arm from a retainer assembly mounted to the canopy section engages an outer perimeter of the mid-section.

18. A method as recited in claim 17, wherein said step (4) further comprises the step of:

hooking the retainer arm over the mid-section.

19. A method as recited in claim 13, wherein said step (2) further comprises the step of:

locating the mid section upon a tub section flange.